

Big Cypress National Preserve News Release

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Comment Period on Oil and Gas EA Extended

Superintendent John Donahue announced today that the National Park Service would extend the public comment period on the Environmental Assessment for the Oil and Gas Plan of Operations now available to the public. The great volume of comments and the number of requests from the public to extend the comment period clearly demonstrate that more time is required to allow the public a fair opportunity to voice their opinions.

"I have had calls from people from Wisconsin to Los Angeles asking for more time to get their comments in to us" said Donahue.

The Collier Resource Company that has proposed the exploratory work in the preserve have no objection and agree that the public comment period should allow adequate time for all citizens to voice their opinion. The new comment period will close on March 27, 2002.

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